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DUSTY MILLER

1918-2003



RPA Life Member Betty V. "Dusty" Miller passed away November 2, 16 days short of her 85th birthday and five weeks after suffering a massive stroke. She joined RPA in 1975 and served several terms as club treasurer and at-large board member. In 1997 she was honored with the Warren Stevens Memorial Award for outstanding contributions to RPA.

A native of Yorkshire, England, Dusty came to the U.S. in 1947 after serving in the Royal Air Force during World War II. She became a U.S. Citizen in 1954 and moved to East Rochester about two years later. Her collections of military covers from British forces and the United Nations Emergency Forces (UNEF) were arguably the best in existence and formed the basis for evaluating the genuineness of other such covers. She sold her UNEF collection in the 1960s to pay for a new bicycle and later saw a small portion of the collection on sale for several times what she got for the entire lot. In recent years her postal history interests ranged from Aden to Territorial Alaska, transport airmails, early women aviators, and postmarks from post offices for which she had post office pictures. She also collected picture post cards with bicycles in the picture.

Dusty was a talented photographer and an avid traveler. She traveled to England approximately every two years to see family, and in the "off" years went to places like Alaska (including the remote Pribiloff Islands), the Panama Canal, Australia, New Zealand and Fiji. Her photographs, many from her travels, were used on her covers for the Art Cover Exchange.

In addition to RPA and ACE, she belonged to the American Philatelic Society, the Empire State Postal History Society, the American First Day Cover Society, the Postmark Collectors' Club, and the Western New York Post Card Club. She was a life member of the Rochester Bicycling Club and a charter member of the Rochester Amerks (hockey) Booster Club. Dusty never owned a car, traveling by bicycle until she was in her late 70's. Not having a car certainly did not keep her at home. Rick Kase and Jim Piecuch saw to it that she got to club meetings whenever she felt up to it. She also enjoyed traveling with Rick (and his late father, Dick) to stamp shows in Toronto, Horseheads, Clayton, and anywhere else Rick felt like going. Jim made sure she got to post card club meetings and shows. Dusty was a member of a small group of (mostly women) local collectors who met approximately monthly, often at Audrey Pankratz' home, over a period of more than 15 years. Dusty was an avid reader and "traveled" by her reading to even more places than she actually visited. She enjoyed most sports, especially hockey and rugby, and was quite proud to be related by marriage to Austin Healey, the British rugby player.

Dusty never had a lot of money to spend, although she purchased whatever items she thought would truly give her pleasure - her philatelic collections were primarily based on creativity, research, and effort rather than indiscriminate spending. She enjoyed philately - and life! - to the utmost. She will be greatly missed.



RPA Library

The club library is for the use of all members of the Rochester Philatelic Association. The library is located in the basement storage room at the church. If you are interested in seeing what items we have just contact the club librarian, Joe Doles, before the start of any meeting. Books may be borrowed for two (2) weeks, longer by special request on items that are not in demand. All items must be signed for and the items returned to the librarian. Most all items may be borrowed.

The latest Scott's catalogs do not circulate.

Dusty Miller's Books Added to RPA Library

Dusty requested that her philatelic books be placed in the RPA Library. Each book will have a memorial bookplate placed on the inside front cover. An actual size bookplate is shown at left. A list of her books follow.

An American Postal Portrait - A Photographic Legacy

by The United States Postal Service 2000

The Stamp Atlas 1986

by W. Raife Wellsted & Stuart Rossiter

Collect British Postmarks - The Handbook to British Postal Markings and Their Values 1997

by Dr. J. T. Whitney

Collect Topicals and Have Fun 1955

by Ernest A. Kehr

Collect British Stamps 1994 edition

A Stanley Gibbons Colour Checklist

Collect British Stamps Summer 1982 edition

A Stanley Gibbons Colour Checklist

The Commonwealth Catalogue Queen Elizabeth Stamps

1956 edition

Collect Isle of Man Stamps 1976

A Stanley Gibbons Colour Check List of Stamps and Postal History

Forming a Specialised Stamp Collection 1976

Ernest H. Wise - A Stanley Gibbons Guide

Collecting Postmarks 1977

R. K. Forster - A Stanley Gibbons Guide

The Holy Land Philatelist

Vols. 1-2, (Nos. 1-24) Nov. 1954 - Oct. 1956

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Vols. 3-4, (Nos. 25-48/49) Nov. 1956 - Oct./Nov. 1956

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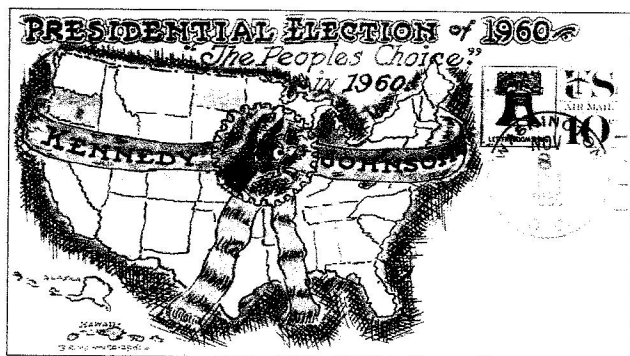
Vol. 5-7, (Nos. 50/51-81/82) Dec. 1958/ Jan. 1959 - Aug./Sept. 1961

The Holy Land Philatelist

Cumulative Index by John Henry Richter

Dusty had eight articles published in the above series.

ROPEX '03 Most Popular Exhibit Heading for APS Winter Show



The above two covers are from Kurt's winning exhibit. Kurt Laubinger of Macedonia, Ohio, has asked me to let the club know that as a result of his winning the most popular exhibit at ROPEX '03 last summer, for his exhibit, **The Politically Inspired Cachets of Bruce R. McIntyre, 1936-1960**, he is automatically eligible to enter the Champion of Champions for the most popular exhibit at the APS Winter Show in Norfolk, VA., Jan. 30 - Feb. 1, 2004. If any RPA members plan on going to that show please look for his exhibit and cast your vote. It would be nice to win the championship award for ACE and ROPEX. Kurt is also a member of ACE, The Art Cover Exchange.

Lewis & Clark Issue May Prove to be Best Issue of 2004



Lewis and Clark Bicentennial

This self-adhesive stamp, issued separately from the prestige booklet in panes of 20 stamps, depicts Lewis and Clark standing on a promontory surveying the countryside.



Lewis and Clark Prestige Booklet

To commemorate the bicentennial of the official launch of the Lewis and Clark expedition on May 14, 1804, a special 32-page prestige booklet will be issued. The booklet contains two semi-jumbo stamp designs in self-adhesive panes of ten. Featured are individual portraits of Meriwether Lewis and William Clark. Due to be released May 14, no other information was available at this time.

E-Mail Rumor Completely Untrue

WASHINGTON, D.C. - A completely false rumor concerning the U.S. Postal Service is being circulated on Internet e-mail. As a matter of fact, the Postal Service has learned that a similar hoax occurred recently in Canada concerning Canada Post.

The e-mail message claims that a "Congressman Schnell" has introduced "Bill 602P" to allow the federal government to impose a 5-cent surcharge on each e-mail message delivered over the Internet. The money would be collected by Internet Service Providers and then turned over to the Postal Service.

No such proposed legislation exists. In fact, no "Congressman Schnell" exists.

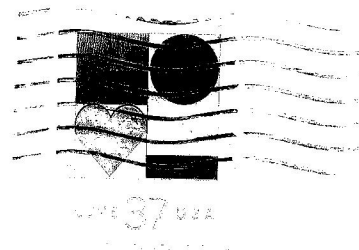
The U.S. Postal Service has no authority to surcharge e-mail messages sent over the Internet, nor would it support such legislation.

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JAN. 8	FEB. 12	MAR. 11	APR. 8
Ada Prill will give a HISTORY OF THE APS	ATA program LINCOLN LIFE & MONUMENTS	ATA slide program STAMPS OF THE TRANS- MISSISSIPPI ISSUE OF 1898	ATA slide program THE CANADIAN MAPLE LEAF ISSUE OF 1897-1989
JAN. 22	FEB. 26	MAR. 25	APR. 22
ATA slide program CANAL ZONE GEMS	Guest Speaker John Babbitt LIGHTHOUSES ON STAMPS	ADA PRILL On AUXILIARY MARKINGS	Guest Speaker John Babbitt MOVING OF THE CAPE HATTERAS LIGHTHOUSE

Meetings are held at the Twelve Corners Presbyterian Church, 1200 South Winton Rd., Rochester, N.Y. 14618. Regular meeting times are 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Programs start at 7:30 pm sharp.

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